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ABSTRACT

The nine papers in this anthology present cases studies showing how culture influences the social role of higher education in various nations. It examines how environments get defined and how they shape universities , and how knowledge and academic work interact in national contexts. This book focuses on how both developed and developing countries' systems of higher education are affected by their own culture and their place within the larger global context. The nine articles are: (1) "Academic Culture in an International Context" (Ken Kempner and William G. Tierney); (2) "The Academic Profession and the Culture of the Faculty: A Perspective on Latin American Universities" (William G. Tierney); (3) "The Modernistic Traditions of Japanese Higher Education" (Ken Kempner and Misao Makino); (4) "Cultural Influences on Higher Education in Thailand" (Varaporn Bovonsiri, Pornlerd Uampuang, and Gerald Fry); (5) "Modernity on the Periphery: Expansion and Cultural Change in Mexican Public Universities" (Rollin Kent); (6) "Culture and the Role of Women in a Latin American University: The Case of the University of Costa Rica" (Susan B. Twombly); (7) "The Political Economy of Entrepreneurial Culture in Higher Education: Policies toward Foreign Students in Australia and the United States" (Gary Rhoades and Don Smart); (8) "Educational Decentralization in Latin America" (Claudio Figueroa and Marcos Valle); and (9) "Private and Public Intellectuals in Finland" (Jussi Valimaa). (Individual articles contain references.) (CK)

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